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FAIR HIRING POLICY ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY!

Ridley-Thomas authored Construction Careers Policy will create approximately 4,000 jobs for local residents and the unemployed

LOS ANGELES – The Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority today unanimously approved Supervisor Mark Ridley-Thomas' motion to establish a Construction Careers Policy (CCP) for the hiring of local residents for the next phase of the Exposition Light Rail Transit Line project.

"This Expo Light Rail CCP is one of the strongest employment policies in the region," Supervisor Ridley-Thomas said. "It will bring over 4,000 desperately needed jobs to residents in our community who will now have employment opportunities with future light rail, subway, and highway projects."

Phase II of the Exposition Metro Light Rail line project will extend from Culver City to Santa Monica, providing both construction period and permanent job opportunities for hundreds of local residents.

"This will be an extremely significant local hiring policy and will help to ensure that Measure R 'half cent sales tax' funded projects will benefit L.A. County residents," the Supervisor said.

Under the Supervisor's proposal, the new CCP policy will ensure that at least 30% of total construction hours, under a Project Labor Agreement with building trade unions, are performed by local residents who live in high unemployment zip codes, where rates are equal to or in excess of 150% of the County average, or within five miles of the project alignment from L.A. to Santa Monica.

At least one third of that amount will be set aside for economically disadvantaged individuals who reside in the construction area.

Supervisor Ridley-Thomas spearheaded the effort, which is a key victory in his campaign to put Second District residents back to work.

The next step is a similar policy for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Multi-Service Ambulatory Care Center (MACC) and buildings surrounding the renovation of the In-Patient Tower—the site of the new Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital.

The Board of Supervisors will vote on a CCP for the hospital and related projects at a Board meeting that will be held on October 5, 2010, which will be open to the public.

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